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1. USG DELEGATION TO RED CROSS CONFERENCE (BUCHAREST, OCT. 15-21) EXPECTED TO BE HEADED BY PATT DERIAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS, WITH DELEGATION EXPECTED ALSO TO INCLUDE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FRANK SIEVERTS, AID FOREIGN DISASTER ASSISTANCE DIRECTOR ANNE MARTINDELL, AND AMBASSADOR BARNES, PLUS THREE OTHERS FROM WASHINGTON.

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2. WE WOULD WELCOME EMBASSY'S SUGGESTIONS FOR PROGRAM FOR MS. DERIAN FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT DURING HER STAY IN ROMANIA. SHE HAS MET WITH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DURING MOST OF HER PREVIOUS FOREIGN VISITS AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE CEAUSESCU WHILE IN BUCHAREST, UNLESS EMBASSY SEES OBJECTION, FOR DISCUSSION COVERING HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS. ANOTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WE UNDERSTAND WOULD BE WORTH

HER SEEING IS CORNEL BURTICA, PARTY SECRETARY FOR CULTURE AND IDEALOGY.

3. MS. DERIAN WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN MEETING PAUL GOMA, AS WELL AS LEADING FIGURES IN JEWISH COMMUNITY. WE UNDERSTAND GOMA HAS SOMEWHAT WITHDRAWN FROM PUBLIC CONTACT AT PRESENT AND WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ADVICE ON THAT POSSIBILITY. WE HAVE ALSO HAD SUGGESTION OF MEETING WITH ETHNIC HUNGARIANS IN ROMANIA AND WOULD WELCOME COMMENT ON THAT THOUGHT ALSO.

4. PRESENCE OF FDA DIRECTOR MARTINDELL PROVIDES EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC RECOGNITION BY ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES OF USG EARTHQUAKE ASSISTANCE ADMINISTERED BY HER OFFICE. SUGGEST EMBASSY INFORMALLY TALK TO APPROPRIATE ROMANIANS TO SEE WHAT COULD BE ARRANGED IN WAY OF CEREMONY OR PRESENTATION TO MS. MARTINDELL IN RECOGNITION OF USG CONTRIBUTIONS.

5. USG AND ARC DELEGATIONS TRADITIONALLY HOLD RECEPTION FOR SELECTION OF CONFERENCE ATTENDERS, AND WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF AMBASSADOR WOULD CONSIDER HOSTING SUCH AN AFFAIR AT HIS RESIDENCE OR OTHER CONVENIENT SITE. FROM EXPERIENCE OF PAST CONFERENCES WE WOULD ESTIMATE GUEST LIST OF 100-150 INCLUDING USG, ARC, AND EMBASSY GUESTS. WOULD APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR'S THOUGHTS ON THIS POSSIBILITY. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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6. AT PAST CONFERENCES USG DELEGATION HAS REQUIRED CARS TO TRANSPORT CHAIRMAN AND DELEGATES BETWEEN HOTEL, EMBASSY, AND CONFERENCE SITE. WOULD APPRECIATE INFO ON DISTANCE BETWEEN THESE LOCATIONS AND ESTIMATED COST OF PROVIDING CARS WITH DRIVERS IF THIS CANNOT BE HANDLED FROM EMBASSY RESOURCES.

7. USG DELEGATION TRADITIONALLY HAS DAILY MEETING AT EMBASSY BEFORE MORNING CONFERENCE SESSIONS (E.G., AT 9 A.M.) AND WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ARRANGING CONFERENCE AREA FOR THIS PURPOSE. DELEGATION WILL ALSO REQUIRE ASSISTANCE OF TWO SECRETARIES, PROBABLY WITH SOME EVENING OVERTIME, FOR WHICH FUNDS WILL BE AUTHORIZED. DELEGATION WILL WELCOME ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FROM OTHER PARTS OF EMBASSY, AS APPROPRIATE.

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